

SECOND COMMITTEE: FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS OF
THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS

Provision 221 (WP.1)

"Semi-enclosed sea" means:

A sea surrounded by two or more States which is of such extent and characteristics as to prevent the full and entire application of one or more of the general provisions of this convention with regard to maritime spaces and which is accessible from other seas or from oceans solely through straits or narrow sea passages traditionally used for international navigation.

Provision 223 (WP.1)

In semi-enclosed seas, the general provisions set out in this convention with regard to maritime spaces shall be applied in a manner consistent with equity, taking into account the particular characteristics of such seas.

For the purposes of this article, the States bordering a semi-enclosed sea may hold consultations among themselves with a view to determining the manner and method of application appropriate for their region.

Provision 225 (WP.1)

The preservation and protection of the marine environment of a semi-enclosed sea and the co-ordination of the exploration and management of its biological resources shall be undertaken by the riparian States by agreement.

To this end, the riparian States may, as necessary, take account of the activities of the competent international organizations with a view to the adoption of regional rules and standards aimed at the better protection of their environment against marine pollution.

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